

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2001-209-C - ORDER NO. 2005-633  
OCTOBER 31, 2005

IN RE: Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, ) ORDER APPROVING  
Incorporated for a Certificate of Public ) NEW PERFORMANCE  
Convenience and Necessity to Provide In- ) MEASUREMENT PLAN  
Region InterLATA Services Pursuant to )  
Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of )  
1996. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Joint Motion to Approve New Performance Measurement Plan filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth), AT&T, Covad, ITC^DeltaCom, MCImetro Access, MCI Worldcom, KMC, Z-Tel, and IDS (collectively, the Companies).

The Joint Motion states that the Companies are in the process of implementing the proposed new plan on a region-wide basis. The new plan has been approved by the Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee Commissions. The new plan is also effective in Kentucky by virtue of that Commission's adoption of the Georgia plan as amended from time to time.

In order to facilitate the prompt and efficient administration of the new plan (which is already in effect in five of the nine states in BellSouth's region) on a region-wide basis, BellSouth requests that this Commission approve the new plan.

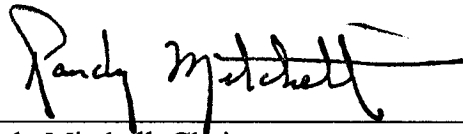
Granting the Joint Motion would result in several significant changes to the present Plan:

- (1) Elimination of a number of metrics that the Companies deemed obsolete or failing to produce useful information,
- (2) Creation of several new metrics, such as UNE Bulk Migration Batch Scheduler Availability and Average Time to Implement Process Change Request,
- (3) Overall reduction in Tier I and Tier II payments made by BellSouth per violation,
- (4) Less disaggregation of metrics,
- (5) Elimination of the Tier 3 penalty, which would result in BellSouth losing its authority to provide long distance service, and
- (6) Reduction in BellSouth's total liability for the payment of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Enforcement mechanism.

A review of the proposed SQM and SEEM plans convinces this Commission that the Joint Motion should be granted, in that the new Performance Measurement Plan is reasonable. The changes proposed amend the old Plan in useful ways by making proper modifications. Further, the new Plan has been adopted by several other BellSouth states. Uniformity of application over the BellSouth States is a reasonable goal. Accordingly, the

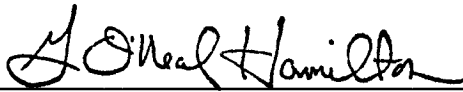
Joint Motion by the Companies is granted as filed. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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